

The China Mail

ESTABLISHED 1845

MILK MAID
STERILIZED
NATURAL
MILK
IS
PURE, FRESH
COWS' MILK

No. 16,148.

號一月二年五十百九千壹英

HONGKONG, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1915

頁甲次歲年四國民華中

PRICE, \$3.00 Per Month

A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.

ESTABLISHED 1841

Wine & Spirit Merchants

HAVE BEEN APPOINTED,

Agents for

MESSRS. W. & A. GILBEY'S

Wines & Spirits.

PRICES ON APPLICATION.

A. S. WATSON & Co., Ltd.

ALEXANDRA BUILDINGS.

DR. YAMAZAKI
SURGEON DENTIST.

HAS RETURNED from JAPAN and
may be consulted daily at

34 Queen's Road.

(Corner of Flower Street).

Tel. No. 1362.

Hongkong, December 8, 1914. 1277

THE 'CHINA MAIL'

NOTICE.

Communications relating to news should

be addressed to THE EDITOR.

Correspondents must forward their

names and addresses with any communica-

tion addressed to the Editor, not necessarily

for publication but as evidence of good

faith.

All matter for publication should be

written on one side of the paper only.

Letters relating to business should be

addressed to THE MANAGER.

Rate of subscription to 'China Mail' is

\$36 per annum; per quarter and per month

pro rata.

The 'China Mail' is delivered free to

subscribers in Hongkong and Kowloon.

Postage is charged at the rate of fifty

cents per month.

Orders for extra copies of the 'China

Mail' should be sent as soon as possible as

the supply is limited. Cash 10 cts., Credit

20 cts. per copy.

Rate of subscription to the 'Overland

China Mail' is \$12 per annum; postage

\$1 per annum extra. Single copies twenty

cents each.

Alterations and additions to Advertisements

on Pages 2, 3, 4, and 5 should be

sent to the Office, No. 5, Wyndham

Street, not later than 11.30 a.m.

Alterations and additions to Advertisements

on pages 1, 4, 5 and 8 should be

sent as not later than 1 p.m.

New Advertisements should be sent in

before 2 p.m.

Advertisements and Subscriptions which

are not ordered for a fixed period will be

continued until countermanded.

Telegraphic Address 'Marr' Hongkong.

Code: A.B.C. 5th Edition.

Telephone No. 22.

THE CHINA MAIL LIMITED

COMMERCIAL.

COTTON AND YARN.

Messrs. James F. Hutton and Co., Ltd.,

of Manchester, in their weekly market

report dated December 31/14, say: Since

our last report the Christmas holidays

have intervened and the holiday spirit

which is usually to the fore between

Christmas and the New Year is evident,

business being suspended for holidays to-

morrow. The market has however showed

more animation than one might have ex-

pected in the middle of the festive season.

A fair amount of buying of the raw material

is reported from Liverpool. Prices are firm,

Spot Mid American being quoted Dec. 23th

4.61, and yesterday 4.62. The advance is

rather surprising and the position of the

market is at the moment somewhat com-

plex. We mentioned last week the busi-

ness done for export which was for the

Continent and the fact that the Continent

has been able to buy both actual cotton

BUSINESS NOTICES.

W. S. BAILEY & Co., Ltd.

ENGINEERS AND SHIPBUILDERS.

VESSELS INSTEEL OR WOOD, STEAM OR MOTOR DRIVEN, TUGS
BARGES, STEAM OR OIL LIGHTERS, LAUNCHES,
MOTOR YACHTS AND HOUSEBOATS.

ROOFS, BRIDGES, STEEL BUILDINGS AND CONSTRUCTION WORK.
SMART STEAM LAUNCH FOR SALE OR HIRE
SOLE AGENTS FOR KELVIN MOTORS.

THE WEST POINT BUILDING
COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT
THE TWENTY SEVENTH OR-
DINARY MEETING OF SHARE-
HOLDERS in the Company will be held
at the Office of Messrs. Jardine Matheson
& Co., Limited, on TUESDAY the
2nd February, 1915 at 11.30 a.m. for the
purpose of receiving the Report of the
Directors together with a statement of
Accounts for the year ending 31st Decem-
ber, 1914.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the
Company will be CLOSED from FRIDAY,
22nd January to TUESDAY, 2nd February,
1915 (both days inclusive), during which
period no Transfer of Shares can be
Registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

A. SHELTON HOOPER,

Secretary.

THE HONGKONG LAND INVEST-

MENT & AGENCY Co., Ltd.,

General Agents for

The West Point Building Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, Jan. 13, 1915. 25

THE HONGKONG LAND INVEST-

MENT & AGENCY COMPANY

LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT

THE TWENTY SEVENTH OR-
DINARY MEETING OF SHARE-

HOLDERS in this Company will be
held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine
Matheson & Co., Limited on

TUESDAY the 2nd February, 1915 at
Noon for the purpose of receiving the
report of the Directors together with the
statement of Accounts for the year ending
31st December, 1914.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the
Company will be CLOSED from FRIDAY,
22nd January to TUESDAY, 2nd February,
1915 (both days inclusive) during which
period no Transfer of Shares can be
Registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

A. SHELTON HOOPER,

Secretary.

Hongkong, Jan. 13, 1915. 24

THE HONGKONG CENTRAL ESTATE

LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT

THE FIRST ORDINARY MEETING OF

SHAREHOLDERS in this COMPANY will
be held at the Office of Messrs.
Jardine Matheson & Co., Limited on

TUESDAY the 2nd February, 1915 at
11.45 a.m. for the purpose of receiving
the report of the Directors together with
the statement of Accounts for the year
ending 31st December, 1914.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the
Company will be CLOSED from FRIDAY,
22nd January to TUESDAY, 2nd February,
1915 (both days inclusive) during which
period no Transfer of Shares can be
Registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

THE HONGKONG CENTRAL

ESTATE LTD.

A. SHELTON HOOPER,

Secretary.

Hongkong, January 13, 1915. 26

THE HONGKONG LAND RECLAMA-

TION COMPANY LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT

THE FOURTEENTH ORDINARY

MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in this
Company will be held at the Office of
Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON &
COMPANY LTD. on TUESDAY, 2nd

February, 1915 at 12.15 p.m. for the
purpose of receiving the report of the
Directors together with a statement of
Accounts for the year ending 31st Decem-
ber, 1914.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the
Company will be CLOSED from TUES-
DAY, 26th January to TUESDAY, 2nd
February, 1915 (both days inclusive) during
which period no Transfer of Shares can be
Registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE,

Secretary.

Hongkong, January 15, 1915. 37

HONGKONG, CANTON & MACAO

STEAMBOAT CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE NINETY FIFTH ORDINARY

YEARLY MEETING OF SHARE-

HOLDERS in the Company will be held
at the Office of the Company, Hotel Man-
sions, on TUESDAY, the 9th February,
1915, 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of
receiving a Report of the Directors, to-
gether with a Statement of Accounts,
declaring a Dividend and electing Directors
and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the
Company will be CLOSED from the 28th
January to the 9th February, 1915, both
days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

W. E. CLARKE,

Secretary.

Hongkong, January 19, 1915. 48

UNION WATERBOAT CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

THE TENTH ANNUAL GENERAL
MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS
will be held in the Office of Messrs.
DODWELL & CO., LIMITED, on TUESDAY,
the 9th February, 1915 at 11.30 a.m. for
the purpose of receiving the Report of the
General Managers together with a State-
ment of Accounts to 31st December, 1914.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Com-
pany will be CLOSED from the 2nd
February to 8th February, 1915 both days
inclusive.

DODWELL & CO., LTD.,

General Managers.

Hongkong, Jan. 29, 1915. 86

THE KOWLOON LAND & BUILDING

COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT

THE TWENTY SIXTH ORDINARY

MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in this
Company will be held at the Company's
Office, Victoria Buildings on WEDNES-
DAY the 10th February, 1915 at Noon
for the purpose of receiving the report of
the Directors together with statement of
Accounts for the year ending 31st Decem-
ber, 1914.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the
COMPANY will be CLOSED from WED-
NESDAY 3rd to WEDNESDAY, 10th
February, 1915 (both days inclusive) during
which period no Transfer of Shares can be
Registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

A. SHELTON HOOPER,

Secretary to the

HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT

& AGENCY Co. Ltd.

Agents for

The KOWLOON LAND & BUILDING

Co. Ltd.

Hongkong, Jan. 28, 1915. 81

CHEN KWONG & Co., Ltd.

GENERAL IMPORT &

EXPORT.

CANTON

LARGE WHOLESALE & RETAIL

STORE.

FURNITURE, Draperies, Groceries,
Root and Shoes.

Makers of Jewellery, Lacquers,
Crockery Ware.

Iron-mongery, Wine and Spirits.

Foreign Clothes for gentlemen made to
order by our own tailors.

Large assortment of Chinese Silks and
Foreign Goods of every description.

All goods sold at reasonable Prices.

The Cheapest and Best place in Canton &
Hongkong to buy Chinese and Foreign
Goods.

SUP FAT POO STREET.

Tel. No. 1406. CANTON

No. 237, 239, Des Vaux Road

and No. 120, Connaught Road Central.

Tel. No. 811. Hongkong.

NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE

INSURANCE CO.

IN WHICH ARE VESTED THE SHARES OF

THE OCEAN MARINE INSURANCE

COMPANY, LTD.,

and

THE RAILWAY PASSENGERS

ASSURANCE CO.

TOTAL FUNDS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1912.

£23,622,165.

I—Authorized Capital £6,000,000

Subscribed Capital £4,000,000

Paid up Capital £2,437,500

II—Fire Funds £3,898,114

III—Life & Annuity Funds £16,186,169

Sinking Fund Account £2,513

£22,561,288

Revenue Fire Branch £2,667,168

Life and Annuity 1,873,269

Branches 262,692

Revenue Marine Department 430,193

Other Receipts 430,193

£2,513,512

The Accumulative Funds of the various

Branches are separately invested and, by

Act of Parliament, are set aside to meet

the claims under the respective Depart-

ments of the Company's Business.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO

Agents

For a good table wine & a Car of

Table O'Han with Wine & Liqueurs

the best. ALEXANDRA CAFE.

BUSINESS NOTICES.

THE TAIKOO DOCKYARD AND

ENGINEERING CO. OF

HONGKONG, LTD.

TAIKOO DOCKYARD, HONGKONG.

SHIPBUILDERS, SALVORS AND REPAIRERS. BOILERMAKERS, FORGE
MASTERS, BRASS AND IRON FOUNDERS, CONSTRUCTIONAL,
ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL ENGINEERS.

WELDING AND CUTTING OF METALS BY OXY-ACETYLENE
AND ELECTRIC SYSTEMS.

Estimates given for quick construction and repair of Ships, Engines, Boilers, Railway
Rolling Stock, Bridges, and all Classes of Engineering, Iron and Wood Work.

GRAVING DOCK 78' x 88' x 3' 7"
Pumps empty Dock in 2-3/4 hours.

THREE PATENT SLIPWAYS taking vessels up to 2,000 tons displacement,
providing conditions for painting ships with most efficient results.

100-Ton ELECTRIC CRANE ON QUAY—ELECTRIC OVERHEAD CRANES
throughout the Shop ranging up to 200 Tons.

50-Ton Hydraulic TESTING MACHINE for Chains, Wire Ropes, Rivets, etc.

AGENTS FOR:—
JOHN I. THORNTON & CO., LTD.

PETROL & KEROSENE MARINE MOTORS 7-1/2 to 150 H.P.
As supplied to the British Admiralty and War Office.

MOTOR VESSELS, LIGHT DRAFT CARRIERS, GUNBOATS,
LAUNCHES, HOUSEBOATS & PLEASURE CRAFT OF EVERY
DESCRIPTION.

MOTOR PUMPING & LIGHTING SETS, MOTOR VEHICLES, etc.

Dockyard Manager can be seen between the hours of 11 a.m. and 12 noon at the
Tolera Office.

SUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
HONGKONG, CHINA AND JAPAN AGENTS.

Telegraphic Address:—TAIKOODOCK. TELEPHONE No. 212

HONGKONG TURKISH BATH & TOILET CO., LD.

NEW OPEN
LADIES DAYS MONDAYS AND TUESDAYS

CHARGES:—
Turkish Bath - - - - - 1/3
Electric Bath - - - - - 8
Complete Body Massage - - - - - 2
Simple Bath - - - - - 75 cts.

FOR MEDICAL BATH DOCTORS PRESCRIPTION WANTED.

SPECIAL PRICES FOR VOLUNTEERS.

13 QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, HONGKONG. J. O. SCPIESS, Manager.

LIPTONS

No. 1 Tea 95 cts. per lb. Foochow Buds 80 cts. per lb.

Our own Special Blend of India & China Teas

85 cts. per lb.

Roasted & Ground daily the best Java Coffee

75 cts. per lb.

For absolutely the best Cup of Tea, Coffee, Cocoa, also Scones, Cakes &c.

procured in Hongkong—to be obtained only at

THE ALEXANDRA CAFE

LADIES CLOAK ROOM.

J. E. TAGGART

MANAGER.

THE HONGKONG HOTEL

AND

INTIMATIONS

G. FALCONER & CO., LTD.,

WATCHMAKERS & JEWELLERS.

DIAMOND BRACELETS, RINGS, BROOCHES,
SILVER CUPS, TEA SETS, CIGARETTE CASES

AGENTS FOR

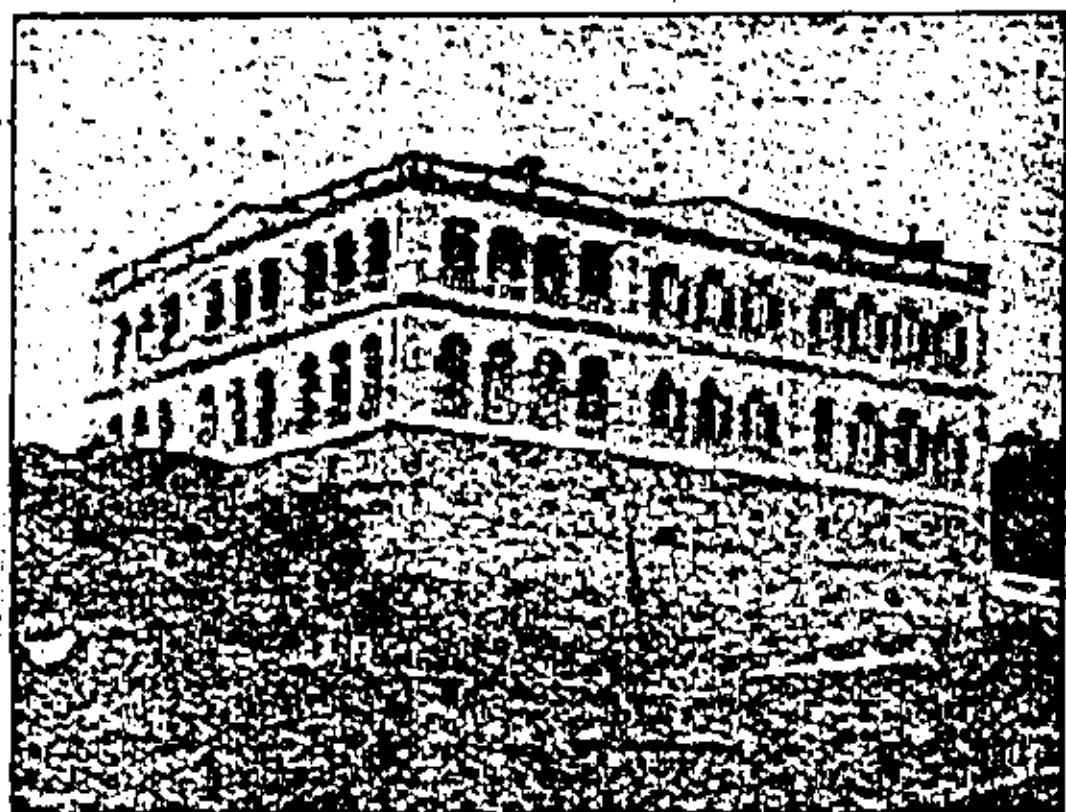
BENSON'S ENGLISH MADE WATCHES.

HOTEL MANSIONS: OPPOSITE GENERAL POST OFFICE.

WING KEE & CO.,

No. 47, 49 and 51, CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL
SHIP-CHANDLERS, SAILMAKERS, PROVISION MERCHANTS, COAL
MERCHANTS, &c., &c., OF FIFTY YEARS STANDING
SHIP CAPTAINS ARE REQUESTED TO GIVE US A TRIAL
FRANCISCO TSE YAT, General Manager
Hongkong, August 12, 1908

BOA VISTA HOTEL



MACAO

THE above HOTEL is now under new EUROPEAN MANAGEMENT. Tourists
and Visitors guaranteed every comfort and an excellent cuisine. Best attention
and moderate rates.
For Particular Apply to

THE MANAGER.

THE KAILAN MINING
ADMINISTRATION.

KAIPING COAL

Now well-known throughout the East for
STEAM RAISING, FOUNDRY, STEEL MAKING, SHIPS' BUNKERS AND
HOUSEHOLD PURPOSES.

KAIPING COKE

Computes with the best quality English Coke for
FOUNDRY, SMELTING AND HOUSEHOLD PURPOSES.

FIREBRICKS

FIRECLAY,
STOCKS ALWAYS ON HAND.

OFFICES: QUEEN'S BUILDINGS, HONGKONG.

Tel. ADDRESS: MAISHAN, HONGKONG.

TELEPHONE: No. 463.

DODWELL & CO., LTD., Agents.

A Natural
RemedyTime was when disease was thought to be due
to the direct influence of evil spirits, and exorcism
and magic were invoked to cast it out.Science has taught us wisdom. The evil
spirits exist still. We call them "Disease
Germs," and they also must be cast out. Once
lodged in the stomach or intestines, fever with
its hallucinations, or biliousness with its aches
and pains, is the result.ENO'S
FRUIT SALTis the approved remedy for driving out disease
germs. Its action is quick and thorough. It
clears the intestines, rouses the torpid liver to new
life, stimulates the mucous membrane to a healthy
action, and cleanses and invigorates the whole
digestive tract.It may be safely taken at any time by young
or old.It is very effective in the early stage of Diarrhoea
by removing the irritating cause.Be prepared for emergencies by always keeping
a bottle in the house.

Prepared only by

G. ENO, LTD., "FRUIT SALT" WORKS, LONDON, ENGLAND.
SOLD BY CHEMISTS AND STORES EVERYWHERE.

INTIMATIONS

MITSU BISHI GOSHI KWAISHA
(MITSU BISHI CO.)

COAL DEPARTMENT.

SOLE PROPRIETORS OF TAKA
SIMA, OCHI, MUTABE, YO-
SHINOTANI, KISHIDAKE, HOJO,
KANADA, NAMAZUTA, SATO,
SHINNEW and KAMUYAMARI
Collieries.AGENTS FOR SAKITO, & OYAHARI
COALS.

HEAD OFFICE:—TOKYO.

BRANCH OFFICES:—

Nagasaki, Moji, Karatsu,
Wakamatsu, Otsu, Muroran,
Hakodate, Kobe, Osaka, Kure,
Tokyo, Yokohama, Nagoya,
Tsingtau, Shanghai, Hongkong,
Hankow, Peking.Tel. Address for above: IWASAKI.
Codes:—A1, ABU 5th Ed., Western Union.

AGENCIES:

CHINKIANG: Messrs Gearing &
Co.MANILA: Messrs Macdonray &
Co.SINGAPORE: Messrs Borneo Co.
Ltd.GLASGOW: Messrs A. R. Brown,
McFarlane & Co., Ltd.

For particulars, apply to

K. KATO,

Manager,
No. 2, PRINCE STREET,
HONGKONG. 816

NOTICE.

THE EAST INDIA SEA & FIRE
INSURANCE CO.WE HAVE taken over the AGENCY
of the above Company in Hongkong
and are now prepared to grant FIRE and
MARINE policies of Insurance at Current
Rates.THE CHINA COMMERCIAL CO.,
3, DADD STREET.
Hongkong, January 18, 1915. 40

NOTICE.

L'UNION FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY LTD. OF PARIS.WE HAVE taken over the Agency of
the above Company formerly held
by Messrs. SHINNEW & Co. and are
prepared to ACCEPT RISKS from this
date.

CREDIT FOUNDER

D'EXTREME-ORIENT,
Princes Buildings,
Hongkong, January 21, 1915. 52

NOTICE.

MESSRS. Wm. YOUNGER & CO. LTD.,
EDINBURGH,
Ales and StoutTHE CRAIGELACHIE GLENLIVET
DISTILLERY CO. LTD., GLASGOW.Whisky
MESSRS. A. & B. MACKAY, LTD.,
GLASGOW.We HAVE TAKEN OVER the
AGENCIES of the above Com-
panies in Hongkong and shall be glad
to submit prices and particulars on
application.

BRADLEY & CO. LTD.,

4, Queen's Building,
Hongkong, Jan. 27, 1915. 79

DAIRY FARM NEWS.

FISH

We have received a New Shipment
of

SELECTED

FINNON HADDOCKS.

FILLET HADDOCKS
AND
KIPPERS.

SINGON & CO.

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1830.

IRON STEEL, METAL AND HARD
WARE MERCHANTS. Wholesale
and Retail Ironmongers, Pig Iron and
Foundry Coke Importers. General Store-
keepers and Shipchangers. Nos. 35 and
37, HING LOOY STREET, (2nd Street, west
of Central Market) Telephone No. 515.
Hongkong, September 4, 1915.

ALEXANDRA CAFE.

OYSTERS: Fresh, Fried or Stewed,
Finnon Haddock, Kippers, &c.

The Egyptian Favourite

Bouton Rouge
and
Felucca
EGYPTIAN
CIGARETTES.Until you have smoked them, you really
have not realized the perfection to which
the manufacture of Egyptian Cigarettes
can be brought. Their makers, Messrs.
MASPERO FRERES, have now arranged
for their supply at the most reasonable
prices.

A Luxury to the Man of Taste

BATTLE STORIES.

CALLOUS FATALISM.

Life Guards in the Trenches.

(From the "Daily Telegraph.")

Captain E. Holy, of the 1st Life Guards,
writing under date Nov. 14 from "In the
trenches, Belgium," says:With a fairly long soldiering career, and
the experience of South Africa as well, I
might, perhaps, be pardoned if I thought
myself a well-versed warrior. But I frankly
admit that everything that I have previ-
ously gone through counts but as child's
play to this. The battle is so incessant
and on so vast a scale that here, until one
is actually in the firing line, one can hardly
gauge its scope and immensity. Indeed,
it is only when you look at home, who have your
newspapers, magazines and T. and A. take
into a condensed form, who can in any
sense appreciate the huge scale of opera-
tions.It is getting on for a month now since I
left England; on three nights only, I
think, have I and my regiment been out of
sight of all fire. But one gets tired of
being even to the unpleasant things of
life, and whilst we know that at any
moment a shell of the type christened
"Black Maria" by Tommy Atkins, and
from which nothing can escape, may drop
upon one and blow everything into almost
the original atom's state, the long, the
side bullet and the burst of the shrapnel
hardly make one look up. This is not
in most cases—and certainly not in mine—
just bravery, but only that custom and
habit sooner or later asserts itself, and is
succeeded by a sort of callous fatalism.My attitude now is just "let it be." I
Expeditionary Force," and a short time back
the composite regiment which I originally
joined, and which was formed of a squadron
each of the 1st and 2nd Life Guards and
Buffs, was absorbed into the Household
Cavalry. Our commanding officer
Colonel "Paddy" Broderick, a very
Stanhope—but the regiment had had
vicissitudes since it came out, and added
its full quota to the Roll of Honour of
those who have gone.

"WHAT A LIFE IT IS!"

I cannot, of course, tell you where we
are except that at the spot where we now
are the light is fiercer than at any other
between the Western Sea and the Swiss
border. And I am proud to have been in
it, though well aware that my number may
be passed in at any moment. And what a
life it is! At home it might be called
idleness; here it is merely discomfort, which
settles changes into real luxury when you
have a billet in a well-laid out village, a
trench, and a dry roof over your head,
and not more than six of you sleeping, plus
the family, in a Flemish kitchen on a stone
floor, with a handful of straw underneath
you. (I had to stop here for a moment, as
an advertisement for a singularly amiable red
calf had walked into my shelter, and was
quietly proceeding to eat my bed of
unwashed straw.)We use our horses singularly little at
present, as my own, as well as the other
two of the King's Own Bodyguard Regi-
ments, shoulder the rifle and bayonet, the
same as the other regiments, and we take
our turn in the trenches, and as they do,
the time my comrade when we can recon-
quer our role of mounted troops and take the
offensive, but at present there is nothing
of this sort to be done against a strongly
entrenched enemy and a fortified line
where the men are few. The men are few
country, with its tillage and every hedge
lined with barbed wire, suitable for cavalry
operations. But we are holding them, and
a bit more, and the spirit of the troops,
in spite of all hardships and losses, is
maintained, and the confidence in our
ultimate success is in no way diminished.

NERVOUS REACTION.

Psychical Curiosities.

A plain of the Buffs, who have been
wounded, writes to a friend in Cork:
Modern war of the present description is
not fun, but fairly comfortable. Right-
fully destructive, of course, and much more
comparable to siege operations than to
field tactics. As far as risk to life goes, it
is the infantry who bear nearly all the
brunt. I think observation of fire is
perhaps the most dangerous of all, but then
it is not continuous. It is the poor devils
in the trenches who get shelled day and
night, who sit in mud, and seldom get a
hot meal, and who then, disheartened and
cold, are asked to run over a sea of mud
under a hail of lead by capture another
trench. Depend upon it, in the present
show the country's thanks and sympathy
should be to the sufferers in the trenches.
Poor devils!It's a curious thing, but whenever a
bullet comes near me now it hurts my
right arm. I suppose it is nervous reaction.
Being hit has certainly destroyed my nerveA little in two ways. It makes one under-
stand that one is not invulnerable, and
unavoidably makes one a bit mumpy at the
sound of bullets, and also it seems to have
touched a nerve in my arm that is con-
nected with the inside of my thumb, first
and second finger in a lessening degree. I
cannot feel with the inside or top of my
right thumb, and yesterday dropped some-
thing I was holding without knowing it. It
is difficult to do up buttons with them, and
that sort of thing.A spy hero went up to the general's HQ
and asked for the key of the church as he
wished to observe his battery's fire. The
general was out, and a vet. gave him the
keys. He went off with them. It was not
till some time later that the alarm was
given, and the spy has not been seen again.

WOR KOF "THE BLUES."

Indians and Aeroplanes.

An interesting narrative of his experi-
ence in that historical corner of Belgium
which has seen the hottest fighting of the
war was told to the "Daily Telegraph"
representative by Corporal George Welby,
of "The Blues" (Royal Horse Guards),
Corporal Welby, who in times of peace is a
constable of the Metropolitan Police, has
just returned home convalescent after
receiving a shrapnel bullet-wound in the
leg.Speaking of their work in the trenches,
Corporal Welby referred to the difficulty
of aiming the men at first. In the ordinary
way the Horse Guards are armed with
sword and revolver, and for some time the
close proximity of the enemy's trenches
rendered their revolver almost useless.
The service revolver, however, fired a
bullet of lead, and it was found that
officers and men captured with these car-
tridges in their possession were shot out of
hand by the Germans, who—apparently
regarded the London bullet as a species of
"dum dum." When this became known
an order for the destruction of all lead-
bullet ammunition was given, and the
men were supplied with rifles.Much has been said of the lighter side
of the trench warfare, and Corporal Welby
was no exception. So close were the
enemy's trenches at times that the men
frequently bombarded the Germans with
empty tins after a meal. They had orders
to throw all tins in front of the trenches,
in order that any night attack by the enemy
might be repelled by being kicked in
advance, and this gave ample excuse for
daily frolics of bully-beef tins against
the enemy's trenches."The Indians are fine," said Corporal
Welby, "but there's one funny thing
about them—they can't let an aeroplane
come within a furlong of it. It doesn't matter
whether it's German, French, or British,
you can't let your rifles down when they
hear it. (As day was with some Cuckoo
in charge of a transport wagon when a
British soldier passed over. We went
all their rifles at once, and they began
blowing away at it for all they were worth.
Try as hard as I could, I couldn't make the
little chap stop until it was out of range,
but fortunately one of them hit it.")Corporal Welby had the satisfaction of
witnessing a most thrilling air duel. A
Jasta was making a scouting flight over
the British lines, but to avoid disclosing
their position the men were not allowed
to fire. Just as the Jasta passed over-
head two British machines rose to meet it,
and a most exciting duel took place right
above the trenches. The German turned
to escape, but was too late, and the three
machines, darting round above and below
each other like huge birds, were engaged
for several minutes, until a lucky shot
from one of the British machines brought
the German crashing down.Corporal Welby is now a family of
soldiers, having less than six brothers
now at the front and at present he is the
only one wounded—a record he is very
anxious to retain, for their sakes.COUGHING INTO
CONSUMPTION"Only a Cough" but you stop
while it is ONLY a cough.WATERBURY'S
METABOLIZED
COD LIVER OIL
COMPOUNDThe finest preparation made
for combating severe coughs.
CURES any cough that is
really a cough. Very palatable.
OF ALL CHEMISTS.

PRICES: \$1.25 and \$2.25

KIPLING ON NEW ARMY

HOW GUNNERS CAME BACK.

The Beloved Horse.

The Daily Telegraph publishes another
long and vivid article—the thirty-third
by Mr. Rudyard Kipling, on the New Army
in Training. In the following extract
the writer describes the return of the
gunners to their quarters:They came in at last for down the
park, betwixt that unmistakable half-
grumble, half-grunt of guns on the move.
The picketed horses heard it first and
one of them neighed loud and loud, which
proved that he had abandoned civilian
habits.When a battery comes into camp it
"picks" all six guns at the appointed
place, side by side in one mathematically
straight line, and the accuracy of the
alignment is, like ceremonial drill with
the Foot, a fair test of its attainments.The ground was no treat for parking.
Specimen trees and draining ditches had
to be avoided and circumvented. The
gunners, their reins, the guns, the ground,
were equally wet, and the slob dropped
away like gravel from the brake shoes.And they were Londoners—clerks,
mechanics, shop assistants, and delivery
men—anything and everything that you
please. But they were all at home in
their saddles and seats. They said no-
thing; their officers said little enough to
them.They came in across what had once
been turf; wheeled with tight traces;
halted; unhitched, the wise teams stump-
ed off to their pickets, and behold, the
six guns were left precisely where they
should have been left to the fraction of
an inch.You could see the wind blowing the
last few drops of wet from each leather
harness-strap at exactly the same angle.
It was all old-known evolutions, taken
unconsciously in the course of the day's
work by men well abreast of it.

THE SILENT GUNNER.

Allah never intended the gunner to
talk. His own arm does that for him.
The batteries off-saddled in silence,
though one noticed on all sides little
quiet eases between man and beast—
affectionate muzzling and nose-slappings.Surely the gunner's relation to his
horse is more intimate even than the
cavalryman's; for a lost horse only turns
cavalry into infantry, but trouble in a gun
team may mean death all round.And this is a gunner's war. The
young wet officers said so joyously as
they passed to and fro, picking up scen-
dals about breakfast and breakfasting,
examining the collars of ammunition
wagon teams, and listening to remarks
on shoes.Local blacksmiths, assisted by the
battery itself, do the shoeing. There are
master smiths and important farriers,
who have cheerfully thrown up good
work to help the game, and their horses
reward them by keeping fit.A fair proportion of the horses are
aged—there was never a gunner yet
satisfied with his team or his ration till
he had left the battery—but they do
their work as steadfastly and whole-
heartedly as the men.I am persuaded the horses like being
in society and working out their daily
problems of draught and direction. The
English, and Londoners particularly, are
the kindest and most reasonable of folk
with animals. If it were not our busi-
ness strictly to underrate ourselves, for
the next few years, one would say that
the Territorial batteries had already done
wonders.But perhaps it is better to let it all
go with the grudging admission, wrung
out of a wringing wet bombardier: "Well,
it isn't so dam' bad—considerin'."

ZEPPELIN BLOFF.

"Military Value, Nil."

A special correspondent of the "Stand-
ard" in Paris writes:—Whilst freely admitting that we have no
doubt as to the effectiveness of the kind as the
Zeppelins, the British airmen are confident
that, if sighted by an aeroplane properly
armed, no Zeppelin would have the
slightest chance of escape. Since the de-
struction by fire of a Zeppelin through
practising with the guns mounted on the
roof, all these guns have been taken off
and any aeroplane above a Zeppelin would
be now in complete safety and at leisure
with its perpendicular gun to shoot
grenade into the Zeppelin, which would in-
stantly blow up the whole structure. It is
for this reason, probably, that the Zeppelin
fleet displays such caution, and although a
night attack might succeed in creating a
momentary panic in a city like London or
Paris, the military value of any damage is
likely to be practically nil.In order to aim with any prospect of
success a Zeppelin would have to fly low,
and the mere sight of an aeroplane would at
once force it to rise to a harmless altitude.
Consequently there is a huge amount of
of "bluff" in the German boasting over
their Zeppelins, which up to the present
have certainly not distinguished them-
selves, and whose role in the future does
not appear likely to be very formidable.A goose given for sale for the benefit of
the Belgian Relief Fund for Mr. Denver,
of Newbury, fetched altogether £75 at the
Newbury Cattle Market recently. It was
sold several times, each buyer returning it
for re-sale, until Mr. Leach, of Newbury,
paid an additional 50s. to retain it.DON'T Forget after the New, Supper,
and Light Refreshments.

ALEXANDRA CAFE.

Open Till Midnight.

INTIMATIONS

WANTED.

WIRELESS OPERATOR for a Sea
Voyage.

Apply SHIPING.

Care of "CHINA MAIL" Office.

Hongkong, Jan. 23, 1915. 80

EMPLOYERS LIABILITY
ASSURANCE CORPORATION LTD.WE HAVE TAKEN OVER the
AGENCY of the above Corpora-
tion formerly held by Messrs. James &
Co., and are prepared to accept RISKS
at Current Rate.W. G. HUMPHREYS & Co.
No. 18, Queen's Road Central.
Hongkong, Jan. 23, 1915. 82

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE.

NOTICE.

THE COMMITTEE has decided that
the following shall be the SETTLE-
MENT days for the year 1915:—THURSDAYJanuary 23rd.
FRIDAYFebruary 26th.
FRIDAYMarch 26th.
WEDNESDAYApril 23rd.
FRIDAYMay 23rd.
FRIDAYJune 23rd.
WEDNESDAYJuly 23rd.
FRIDAYAugust 27th.
TUESDAYSeptember 23rd.
WEDNESDAYOctober 27th.
FRIDAYNovember 23rd.
WEDNESDAYDecember 22nd.

By Order of the Committee,

EDWARD RAYMOND.

Secretary.

Hongkong, Jan. 27, 1915. 80

THE NATIONAL LOAN

of the

THIRD YEAR OF THE REPUBLIC
OF CHINA.

SIXTEEN MILLION DOLLARS

(\$16,000,000)

SUBSCRIBERS to the above LOAN
are hereby notified that, in accordance
with Article V. of the Loan Regulations,
the full amount of Dollars Nine Hundred
and Sixty Thousand (\$960,000), being the
amount of interest on the loan for one
year, has been duly raised by the Ministry
of Finance and the Ministry of Com-
munications, and has been deposited by
the Undersecretary in the following Foreign
Banks, namely, The Hongkong and
Shanghai Banking Corporation and the
Russo-Asiatic Bank, as a permanent
guarantee for the interest on the loan.

F. A. AGLEN,

Inspector General of Customs,

and Vice Chairman of the Bureau of
National Loans

Inspector General of Customs,

Peking, 18th January, 1915. 75

MARTIN'S
APOL STEEL
APOL STEEL
APOL STEEL

APOL STEEL PILLS

APOL STEEL PILLS

APOL STEEL PILLS

PEAK TRAMWAYS COMPANY,

LIMITED.

TIME TABLE.

WEEK DATE.

1.00 a.m. to 8.00 a.m. Every 15 minutes.
8.00 a.m. to 10.00 a.m. Every 10 minutes.
10.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. Every 15 minutes.
11.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes.
12.00 p.m. to 1.15 p.m. Every 15 minutes.
1.15 p.m. to 1.45 p.m. Every 15 minutes.
1.45 p.m. to 2.15 p.m. Every 15 minutes.
2.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. Every 15 minutes.
2.45 p.m. to 3.15 p.m. Every 15 minutes.
3.15 p.m. to 3.45 p.m. Every 15 minutes.

NIGHT CARS.

8.50 p.m. and 9 p.m., 9.20 p.m. to 11.00
p.m. every half hour11.00 p.m. to 11.45 p.m. every quarter of
an hour.

SUNDAY.

7.45 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. Every 15 minutes.
10.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. Every 10 minutes.
11.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes.
12.00 p.m. to 1.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes.
1.00 p.m. to 1.30 p.m. Every 15 minutes.
1.30 p.m. to 2.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes.
2.00 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. Every 15 minutes.
2.30 p.m. to 3.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes.

NIGHT CARS as on Week Days.

SATURDAY.

Extra Car at 12 midnight.

SPECIAL CARS by arrangement at the
Company's Office, ALEXANDRA BUILDINGS,
Des Voeux Road Central.

A. S. WATSON & Co., Ltd.

ESTABLISHED 72 YEARS.

CHEMISTS, DRUGGISTS & PERFUMERS,
BY APPOINTMENT TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

WATSON'S EFFERVESCENT LIVER SALT.

This Valuable Preparation speedily relieves Biliousness, Sickheadache and all derangements of the Stomach. It purifies the Blood by imparting the natural saline elements necessary to a healthy and vigorous condition.

WATSON'S CELEBRATED COLD CURE TABLETS.

Give immediate relief and a speedy cure. Invaluable for Cold in the head, Influenza and Neuralgia.

WM. Powell

Limited.

TELEPHONE 348

JUST RECEIVED

A NEW CONSIGNMENT OF

"SAXONE"

Boots & Shoes

IN

All Shapes & Fittings

FOR

All Occasions

WM. POWELL LTD.

Sole Agents, Saxe shoe Co.

THE DIARY.

MEMO. FOR TO-DAY.

5 p.m.—"The Grotesques" at the Theatre Royal.

MEMO. FOR TO-MORROW.

11.30 a.m.—West Point Co. Meeting.
11.45 a.m.—H.K. Central Fatato Meeting.
Noon.—H.K. Land Invest. and Agency Co's. Meeting.
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Teakwood and Blackwood Furniture etc. at Messrs. Hughes and Hough's.

General Memoranda.

FRIDAY, February 5.—
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Furniture, etc. at Messrs. Hughes and Hough's.

SUNDAY, February 7.—
Field Day for Volunteers and Reserves.

TUESDAY, February 9.—
Noon.—H.K. C. & M. Steamboat Co's. Meeting.

SUNDAY, February 14.—
Chinese New Year Day.
Entries close for the Race.
2 p.m.—Reserves v. Scouts on H.K. Cricket Club ground.

THE EDWARD DISPENSARY.

C. KAMMING & Co., Ltd.
Chemists and Druggists.

GREAT REDUCTIONS IN PRICES.

PRESCRIPTIONS ACCURATELY DISPENSED.
Pure Drugs, Patent Medicines, &c.

2A, QUEEN'S ROAD, HONGKONG.
Hongkong, July 22 1914.

engine, are the all-important contributions of the engineer to this war, and it is by their means that it has been possible to bring all these millions of men face to face, and to feed them when there. It is idle to speculate what would happen if great countries had no railways and could not maintain large armies in the field, because the countries are equally the product of the engineer as are their fighting forces, and the former would not have come into existence. To-day we are spectators of the greatest war that ever occurred and it can be said without exaggeration that both in skill and in endurance the warriors of to-day compare favourably with those of the past.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The Happy Valley will be used by the Military for drill purposes from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. to-morrow.

A farmer living at Tai Tui Nam reports that he has had two cattle stolen from his cowshed. They were valued at \$45.

In the Marine Court this morning three Chinese sampan owners were fined \$25 each for making fast to an incoming steamer without permission.

In to-morrow's issue of the "China Mail" will appear the fourth instalment from our special correspondent with the Hongkong Volunteer Corps in camp which left here on Dec. 4th. last.

About noon yesterday two junk collided in the Cap Sai Mun Pass and damage estimated at \$150 was sustained. The impact was so great that the master of one of the boats and two seamen were injured.

Six weeks' imprisonment and four hundred strokes was the sentence imposed upon a Chinese employed at the Hongkong and Kowloon Godown Company, charged with stealing \$1 worth of cotton yarn. Defendant said he picked the yarn off the ground.

An Indian constable on sentry duty in the Canton road yesterday was knocked down by a reckless Chinese youth on a cycle. The constable had his ribs slightly damaged and the youth sustained no injury to his wrist and severely damaged the machine. Charged this morning with riding to the common danger, the youth was ordered to pay a fine of \$3 or go to prison for seven days.

An armed robbery is reported to have taken place in the Hung Shok Mun village, near Day, on Saturday night. Four men, two of whom carried revolvers, entered a house and commanded a man and his wife, the sole occupants, to be quiet. They searched the house and escaped with \$43 worth of jewellery. The police were apprised of the outrage and as a result of investigations made three arrests.

The police periodically make large hauls of Macao lottery tickets, but only rarely do they catch the person who is prime mover in the distribution of the tickets in Hongkong. Last week over 25,000 tickets were seized. They were being carried by a street coolie, who, when brought before the Court, was discharged. Yesterday another coolie was arrested for being in possession of 7,000 tickets and Mr. Wood this morning again ordered a discharge. The baskets containing the tickets had been weighed with bricks and josssticks. The coolie said he was engaged on the incoming trip.

AN INTERESTING MEMENTO.

The engine-room staff of the s.s. Lai Sang has presented to Mr. A. Sinclair, Marine Superintendent Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, with a brass mounted and polished fragment of a German shell which was recovered from the engine-room after the ship had been bombed off the German African coast.

A character sketch of General Joffre depicts him as doing much of his work at night. In this respect he resembles Napoleon. In the memoirs the Baron de Mervin describes how, on the Emperor's arrival in camp, the first duty of his topographer, Dacier d'Albe was to install his master's study by spreading out the maps and the Emperor's travelling library. The maps were constantly kept up to date by the mapping them with a pin with various work until far in the night, and the small hours of the morning, when late information was received. "Call d'Albe and wake everybody, he would sometimes call out at 1 or 2 a.m., and then dictate until dawn."

BEWARE OF COLDS.

CHILDREN are much more likely to contract the contagious diseases when they have colds. Whooping cough, diphtheria, scarlet fever, and consumption are all diseases which often contracted when a child has a cold. That is why all medical authorities say beware of colds. For the quick cure of colds you will find nothing better than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It can always be depended upon and is pleasant and safe to take. For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

TRAINING NOTES.

(Specially Written for the "China Mail.")

Now that the Races are drawing very close and enthusiasm is commencing to be observed amongst the old original Early Birds, and the new comers, and also last but not least, "Selling Sweeps" are about to commence, a little gap about a few of the best in training may meet with approval. We will talk first about

OLD PONIES.
We have very few of last year's entrants in training save the evergreen, Paddy's Amphibious, a fine type of pony who moving rather stiffly in his slow paces, and the former going very strong but no thinks a bit too soon to be showing his speediest work. Sunlight is also down and appears well. Adwyeah too who probably will produce Champion form this meeting looks unconsciously fit and is pulling and moving in grand style.

New ponies on our course but previous starters and winners elsewhere are John Paddy's Amphibious, a fine type of pony who should do well over a distance. Forbearance a frequent winner of Kiangwan and Suwanee, a Shanghai winner Neptune and Perhaps, both belonging to Mr. Ezra, have won races up North and should be able to pick up something down here.

DEBUT ENTRERS.
In the Blue Ribbon event six stables only are represented with an entry of 17 divided amongst them. Ellis Kadoorie, Sir Paul, and John Peel have four entries each and Messrs. Ezra and Tierce two respectively and last but not least Mr. Gilpin has one and I believe this entry to be one of the best. I have been very much impressed by his last two training gallops. Ellis Kadoorie will have to be certain which one he has best over the distance. He has three who appear to be able to stay the distance. English Chief of course has a Shanghai reputation to uphold and is no doubt one of his best. Mr. Ezra's Gamster put up a fine performance on Saturday morning and was not firing too much at the finish. Sir Paul has also a good hatch to pick from—the strongest and most likely looking being Majestic Dahlia. But Duke Dahlia has the best of it if he can get the distance Mr. Tierce has a couple but I must confess I am not in love with either of them; one great point in their favour is that they have not been galloped to death already and both on the big side, probably their trainer will open them out a bit this week then we can get a line up to their chances.

The subs. are yet very backward nothing standing out exceptionally as yet four or five of the best have been under physical so I shall leave my discussion regarding them and the "navy-cuppers" until a little later. I give below the list of Derby entrants to help those who specially follow the training of these ponies to distinguish one from the other.

Mr. Ezra's w. Gamster	13.1	11	1
Mr. Ezra's w. Wild Cat	13.1	11	1
Mr. Gilpin's g. Sir Paul	13.1	11	1
Mr. Ellis Kadoorie's d.	13.1	11	1
English Chief	13.1	11	1
Mr. Ellis Kadoorie's m-g.	13.0	10	12
Scottish Chief	13.0	10	12
Mr. Ellis Kadoorie's m-g.	13.0	10	12
Irish Chief	13.0	10	12
Mr. Ellis Kadoorie's g.	13.1	11	1
Australian Chief	13.1	11	1
Sir Paul's g. Standard	13.3	11	7
Dahlia	13.3	11	7
Sir Paul's g. The Duke	13.0	10	12
Dahlia	13.3	11	7
Sir Paul's ch. Majestic	13.2	11	4
Dahlia	13.3	11	7
Sir Paul's ch. Perfection	13.1	11	1
Dahlia	13.3	11	7
Mr. John Peel's b. Lochmahan	12.3	10	9
Mr. John Peel's g. Beat	12.3	10	9
Mr. John Peel's g. Cur-	13.0	10	12
stains	13.0	10	12
Mr. John Peel's ch.	12.3	10	9
Rachilla	12.3	10	9
Mr. Tierce's g. Grayling	13.2	11	4
Mr. Tierce's d. Dunrobin	13.2	11	4

SCOTTISH SPORT.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

EDINBURGH, December 20.

ASSOCIATION LEAGUE.
The Hearts finished up the year with a good win, and though they still lead in the table, there is promise of a keen fight for the League Cup. They are a good second; they are scoring more freely. Rangers dropped a point, and are losing the confidence of their supporters. Greenock Morton continue to play well, and have really made a good season of it. All round the gates are falling, and several of the clubs are considering the question of a stoppage.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE—FIRST DIVISION.
Hart, 4; Celtic, 0.
Hart, 3; Dundee, 1.
Greenock Morton, 4; Ayr United, 0.
Third Lanark, 1; Rangers, 1.
Dundee, 2; Hibernians, 4.
D. Mirren, 2; Falkirk, 0.
Motherwell, 1; Aberdeen, 1.
Perth, 2; Dundee, 1.
Queen's Park, 0.
Kilmarnock, 2; Clyde, 1.
Dumfries, 2; Dundee, 0.
Third Lanark, 7; Dundee, 0.

HOLIDAY MATCH.
Manchester United, 2; Celtic, 1.
second division.
Leith, 4; Vale of Leven, 1.
Albion Rovers, 1; St. Bernard's, 1.
Aberdeen, 0; Clydebank, 2.
East Stirlingshire, 4; Johnstone, 1.
St. Johnstone, 4; Aberdeen, 0.
Leith, 4; United, 2; Dundee, 1.

TICKETING IN THE TROAT.
THE slightest tickling or hoarseness is the throat may be the forerunner of a dangerous illness. Stop it at once with Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

UNIVERSITY FETE.

SUCCESSFUL EFFORT FOR WAR FUND.

All classes and many nationalities were represented in the large gathering which attended on Saturday afternoon and evening the Fete organised by the students of Hongkong University in aid of the Prince of Wales Fund. From three o'clock, the opening hour, till late in the evening the spacious building was thronged with visitors. Over a thousand tickets were disposed of in advance by the students but despite this fact the exodus who took entrance money at the gates were kept very busy, especially in the early part of the afternoon.

The fete was in every way a great success, both from the point of view of the visitors and organisers. The privilege of inspecting the University—probably the finest building in Hongkong—and its fine equipment, was well worth the modest sum of half a dollar charged as entrance fee, but the entertainment afforded was far in excess of this. The fine band of the 25th Punjab played music on the terrace at the main entrance a really good concert was given in the Grand Hall; many interesting experiments were conducted in the laboratories; machinery of various kinds was shown in motion; and for a small sum one could visit numerous side shows and competitions, in one of which Lord Crozier, quite as good as any awarded by the Kaiser to his barbarian army, could be won!

The first thing which attracted the notice of early visitors entering from the Bonham Road was an exhibition game of tennis between Messrs. Wong Po Kee and Ng Siu Keng, two players of whom the University is justly proud. Their athletic play was followed by a large gathering from the terrace.

In the laboratories and workshops there was much of interest to see, and visitors who had not been to this part of the building recently could not fail to be struck by the wonderful progress made, both in regard to the equipment and its installation. The greatest improvement was seen in the power house, a spacious and lofty building behind the main block wherein all the light and power used not only in the University proper but also in the lecturers' residences and the students themselves. The several dynamos are driven by oil and gas engines of various types; on Saturday afternoon, petrol, kerosene and town gas engines were running side by side.

The magnificent switchboard which has recently been presented to the engineering section was admired by the many technical men present. It is interesting to note that this plant is run day and night by the students of the engineering faculty (who are to be congratulated for the fact that they are to get other practical experience in the direction of tool work in a fine workshop in course of erection near the power house; the upper story will be utilised as a civil engineering drawing room).

Interesting experiments were conducted by students in the laboratories. The analysis of light by the spectrograph was shown, the rays were demonstrated, and a double mirror image telegraphic set was working in another room. Several machines were in motion in the testing rooms, and the apparatus for determining the tensile strength of bar steel was the centre of an interested knot of spectators.

The side shows were well patronised. Hon. Mr. Wai Yik, C.M.G., very kindly engaged a troupe of Chinese jugglers and musicians, who drew large audiences, and there were Punch and Judy shows, coconut shies, and Aunt Sally, with Imm Crosses for prizes! Tea was provided in the suite of rooms devoted to the university library, a large sum of 100 ladies assisted at the dining tables, and very kindly provided the cakes and other edibles. Among those who helped were Mrs. Malcolmson, Mrs. F. Clark, Mrs. Ormiston, Mrs. Hinton, Mrs. Forth, Mrs. Middleton-Smith, Mrs. McKenna, Mrs. O'Hara, Mrs. Hokey, Mrs. Agassiz, Mrs. Franklin, Mrs. Comp, Mrs. Gale, Mrs. Steadman, Mrs. Montague, Mrs. Little, Mrs. Goldsmith, Mrs. White, Mrs. E. Hancock, Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Ho, Mrs. Do Tung, Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Christopher, Mrs. Dalmahy, Mrs. Suman, Mrs. Wolf, Mrs. Barker, Mrs. Ng Hon Tsz, Mrs. Tso, Mrs. Coxon, Mrs. Middleton-Smith, Mrs. Laidlaw, Mrs. Hastings, Mrs. Macdonald, Mackenzie and Barnard. The organisation of this department was ably carried out by Mrs. Malcolmson.

The principal event of the afternoon was an excellent concert, organised by Mrs. Turnbull, who was fortunate in securing the assistance of His Excellency the Governor, who gave an high rendition, and of many well-known local musicians. The Great Hall holds some 600 people, but its accommodation proved quite inadequate for the huge number who tried to squeeze in it. Those who were so fortunate as to find a seat had a rare musical treat, as the programme will indicate:

Instrumental Trio, Prestissimo, (B.ethoven Op. 1 No. 3). Mrs. G. E. Grayson, Mrs. A. S. Summatt, and Mrs. F. Austin.
Song, "Young Tom O' De-on," (Kennedy Russell) Captain G. W. Roome, R.N. Chinese Dancers, Mrs. O'Brien, (J. S. Lo).
Fancy J.L. Sir Henry May, R.C.M.G. Duet, "It was a Lover and his Lass," (Whitaker) Mrs. G. E. Grayson and Mrs. Francis Clark.
Elysian Solo, "Less Sylphs," (Chambliss) Mr. Wei Wing Lok.
Song, "Dream o' Day Jil," (E. German) Mrs. G. E. Grayson.
Song, (a) "False Philia," (Anon) (b) "The Pretty Creature," (Stephen Storace) Hon. Mr. Claud Severn.
Instrumental Trio, Rondo, (Chambliss) Mrs. G. E. Grayson, Mrs. A. S. Summatt, and Mrs. F. Austin.
Song, "The Last of the Boys," Captain G. W. Roome, R.N.
Pianoforte Duet, "From Foreign Parts," Mrs. A. O. Franklin and Mrs. G. E. Grayson.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. Gilbert Jessop, the Gloucestershire cricketer, has been given a captaincy in the Manchester Regiment.

Lieut. F. H. Turner, of the Liverpool, the Scottish international Rugby football captain, has been killed in action.

CIGARETTE AND TOBACCO FUND.

Amount acknowledged to 23rd January, 1915 \$2,169.27

List No. 1.		
Mrs. S. H. Dodwell	\$10.00	
Messrs. H. A. Lam-		
met, G. Reich-		
mann, F. J. Ling,		
P. Douglas Watson,		
Wou, H.K., T.M.S.,		
A.H.O., M.T.P., R.		
G. Smith, C.H.A.,		
W.F.S., G.H.R.,		
W.L., Anonymous,		
£1—	15.00	
Mr. A. F. A. Splinter		
Det., A.H.L. Det.,	1.00	26.00

List No. 2.

Mr. Un Kam Wah	5.00
Private H. A. Walker	5.00
A.R.C.	1.00
	11.00

List No. 18.

Mr. A. F. A. Splinter	5.00
List No. 35.	
Mrs. Courbin and Mrs.	
Bainford	7.00
Secretary	5.00
Commodore Anstruther, R.N.	5.00
Lt. Comdr. Hanning	
Lee, R.N.	5.00
Major Morgan	5.00
Staff Surgeon Hunt	5.00
Mr. Jolley	1.50
Chief Writer Kite	1.50
Ship Co., H.M.S.	
"Tamar"	2.00
	50.00

List No. 42.

Mr. W. S. Brown	5.00
Mr. J. Hooper	3.00
Messrs. R.L.A., R.A.F.	
S.A.S., C.F.L., S.J.	
L.S.F., H. Simmons	
S. R. Ismael, T. W.	
Robertson, R. D.	
Smith, E. Kay, J.	
Heda, R. Dushant	
\$2—	26.00
Mr. P. F. A.	1.50
Messrs. K. F. Jupp	
C. A. Tseu, A.	
\$1—	3.00
	38.50

List No. 43.

Mr. H. P. Winslow	10.00
Mr. R. Baker	7.50
Mr. J. Morris	5.00
Mr. C. A. Walker	5.00
Mr. C. A. Lambert	5.00
Mr. W. G. Clark	3.00
	35.50

List No. 55.

A.R.C.	5.00
List No. 56.	
Mr. V. Uidal	10.00
Mr. A. H. H.	5.00
Mr. H. Doughty, \$2.00.	
A.T. and J.H., \$2.00	4.00
	10.00

List No. 60.

Mr. H. Skelton	10.00
Mr. Duncun Clark	10.00
Mr. H. E. Schirven	5.00
Mr. E. J. Ainslie	5.00
Mr. W. E. Fogk	5.00
Mr. D. H. Stanford	5.00
Mr. D. Murphy	5.00
Mr. F. M. Crawford	5.00
Mr. B. Eustace	5.00
Mr. F. A. Fisher	3.00
Mr. J. Croon	3.00
Mr. C. J. England	4.00
	64.00

List No. 64.

X X X (Anon)	10.00
List No. 65.	
Messrs. W. G. Flum-	
phreys and Co.	5.00
Messrs. V. F. V.	
Ricardo, H. Barros	
Messrs. D. C. Bar-	
trita, G. P. da Cruz,	
Messrs. Ng Kwok Hing,	
Comptroller Staff	6.00
Mr. Loh Sik Ki	0.50
	11.50

List No. 68.

Mr. D. K. Moss	5.00
List No. 77.	
Received on account from	
General Staff, Steam Boat	
Company	50.00
List No. 86.	
Mr. G. P. C.	\$20.00
Mr. A. D.	5.00
Mr. J. J. C.	5.00
Mr. J. Morris	5.00
Messrs. J.B., L.D.M.	
J.B. A.D.	1.00
Messrs. G. Ow, G.M.N.	
C.M.T., J.H.S.	
A.E.M., H.C.Y.	
W.M., M.F.W.	
C.A.I.Z., A.V., 50cts.	5.00
	44.00
Amount expended to date	\$2,538.37
Balance in hand	\$410.12

Geo. J. B. SATON,
Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.
Subscribers will be pleased to hear that on the 1st and 2nd inst. a further contribution was forwarded to the Front 31—
100,000 Woodbine Cigarettes and 254 lbs. of Bells of Virginia Pipe Tobacco.
Further donations will be thankfully received to enable the Committee to despatch further supplies.

THE WOMEN WRITERS' SUFFRAGE LEAGUE.

[The following is an interesting extract from a letter received in the Colony from Home by the last mail.—Ed.]

"The League is going strong. Small as we are in numbers we are doing big things. Collectively we have joined the Women's Emergency Corps, and we are running Mrs. Flora Annie Steel's Indian Troops Comfort fund, giving the work of making the comforts to out of work professional women among whom there is much distress. Then, Mrs. Stobart has again gone to the front with her Convey Corps among whom are May Sinclair and Sally McNaughton. Cicely Hamilton is working at a busy hospital in France; Mrs. Buller is driving a motor ambulance at the front and will fly for the Allies if they'll let her. Beatrice Harraden is now in Holland, writing for the Government an account of the sufferings of the Belgian Refugees; Mrs. Steel is conducting a recruiting crusade through England and Dr. Flora Murray and Dr. G. Anderson have established a hospital for the wounded in Paris where, with 4 other doctors, they are doing operations etc. recognised by the French Government. So you see, individually we have as fine a record as any one. All above are our members. Mrs. Stobart was to have been shot by the Germans as a spy, lay all night in a cell waiting to be shot in the morning, and then—at the last moment—managed to escape.

You would not know England now. Uniforms everywhere; lights out at 10 o'clock—their patrolled all round London, Essex, Kent and the Coast Counties.

I have an uncle now working with Kitchener's Confidential Sec. Col. Leatham, at the War Office, so I often hear most important news—and from the front too, where many of my relations are."

SPORTING.

Football.

HONGKONG F.C. v. THE POLICE.
The Police Club football team achieved a remarkable victory over the Hongkong F.C. on Saturday, winning their return League match by 3 goals to one. The week previous, the club defeated the Police by the only goal of the match, but on that occasion they had a stronger defence and the Police were the weaker in attack. On Saturday the conditions were precisely the reverse. McGubbin was absent from the team and Stalker deputised with M. Raiton as partner. Their opening play was severely tested and came

BY TELEGRAPH.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

THE WAR.

GERMAN SUBMARINE ACTIVE.

THREE MERCHANT SHIPS SUNK.

HEAVY LOSSES OF THE ENEMY IN FRANCE.

TRIBAL RISING IN NYASSALAND.

JAPANESE STEAMER SUNK.

MERCHANT VESSELS SUNK.

LONDON, Jan. 31, 12.10 a.m.
The steamer "Benemachan" has been torpedoed by a German submarine off Fleetwood.

The crew were landed.
Submarine U 21 met the "Benemachan," a coasting steamer of 1,078 tons, early in the morning twenty-one miles west of the mouth of the River Lune.

The crew were given ten minutes to take to their boats.
The vessel was then blown up.
The crew were picked up by a smack.
The submarine at 12.30 intercepted the steamer Undaslanche, proceeding from Manchester to Belfast, at a point due west from Liverpool.
The crew of ten met with a similar experience.
The captain of the Belfast packet, which arrived at Liverpool in the evening, reports that he saw a submarine destroy a third steamer at 3.40 o'clock.

GERMAN NAVAL ORDERS.

The survivors state that the Commander of the U 21 said: "I am sorry to inconvenience you, but I have orders to sink all British craft."

DUBLIN MAIL BOAT PURSUED.

"Business As Usual."

LONDON, Feb. 1, 3.45 a.m.
The Dublin mailboat Leinster, which left Holyhead on Sunday afternoon, was pursued when off the Kish lights by a German submarine for a mile.

The mailboat Ulster left Kingstown yesterday evening at the usual hour crowded with passengers.

The war risks Assurance Association does not consider it necessary to prohibit the sailings of Liverpool ships.

ANOTHER MERCHANT STEAMER SUNK.

LONDON, Jan. 31, 10.20 p.m.
Lloyd's correspondent at Douglas telegraphs that on the 30th ult. the steamer "Kilgobbin" was sunk by a German submarine eighteen miles north-west of Liverpool.

The crew were landed by the coasting steamer "Gladys."

JAPANESE STEAMER BLOWN UP.

Valuable Cargo Lost.

LONDON, Jan. 31, 4.23 p.m.
A telegram from Havre states that at 9 o'clock this morning an explosion occurred on board the Toko Maru from New Zealand, when the vessel was eight miles from Cap de la Heve.

The cause of the explosion is unknown.
The French trawler "Sampier" rescued the crew of 57 and brought them to Havre.

The Toko Maru sank in half an hour.

Reuter learns that she had 97,000 carcasses of mutton aboard and also New Zealand gifts of clothing for the Belgian refugees.

The Toko Maru was torpedoed without notice.

INDIAN OFFICER WOUNDED.

LONDON, Feb. 1, 5.5 a.m.
Major-General Natha Singh, of the 10th Imperial Service Troops, has been wounded in the fighting in East Africa.

GERMANY OUTSIDE THE PALE OF HUMANITY.

LONDON, Feb. 1, 5.5 a.m.
Reuter's Paris correspondent states that the Ministry of Marine, in a note with reference to the sinking of the ships, says that the German Navy has now decided to violate international law systematically and deliberately place themselves outside the pale of humanity. The whole world will rise in horror at the act, which is unworthy of a civilized nation.

NATIVE REBELLION IN NYASSALAND.

LONDON, Jan. 31, 5.55 p.m.
The Press Bureau announces that the Governor of Nyassaland reports that native tribes rebelled in the Shire Highlands and attacked an estate at night, killing three white settlers and wounding one and seizing three white women and five children, whom they subsequently released. They then attacked a store at Blantyre killing a watchman and seizing arms and ammunition but there was no attack upon the whites.

The situation is well in hand. The leader has not yet been captured but his village has been attacked. Several of the ring leaders were arrested and three of them executed.

THE STRUGGLE IN FRANCE AND BELGIUM.

ANOTHER BRITISH VICTORY.

LONDON, Jan. 30, 0.10 p.m.
The Official Press Bureau says that Germans in some force attack near Cuinchy, but were easily repulsed. Over 200 dead were counted in front of our trenches. The British casualties were small.

THREE GERMAN BATTALIONS REPULSED.

LONDON, Jan. 30, 5 p.m.
To-day's Paris communiqué says:—Before Cuinchy, near La Bassée, the British Army repulsed an attack by three German battalions. The enemy sustained heavy losses.

Elsewhere the day was mostly calm, with occasional artillery duels.
The French heavy guns bombarded German batteries northward of Arras, and blew up outposts of the enemy. At Thiry the enemy exploded a mine intended to wreck our trenches, but only succeeded in destroying their own.

BY TELEGRAPH.

GERMANS FURTHER REPULSED.

LONDON, Jan. 31, 5.33 p.m.
A Paris communiqué states that heavy artillery actions have been numerous at different points.
We have had the advantage everywhere.
The British Army before La Bassée recaptured all the trenches momentarily lost.

The Germans bombarded a church south of Arras and further south we destroyed two of the enemy's guns. Several works and a number of mortars were dispersed by concentrations of troops.

The Germans made three fresh attacks at Fountains Madame, all of which were repulsed.

AERIAL WARFARE.

Bombs Dropped on German Camps.

LONDON, Jan. 30, 1.45 a.m.

The Paris evening communiqué states:—East of Soissons the Germans twice attempted to cross the Aisne, but were repulsed.
Several aeroplanes bombarded Dunkirk on the night of the 28th inst., killing and wounding some persons, and doing damage to property, which was insignificant in extent.

Two French aeroplanes early this morning dropped numerous bombs on the enemy's camps in the region of Laon, La Fere and Soissons, and a German aeroplane was brought down east of Gerberville to-day, and the aviators were captured.

HEAVY FIGHTING.

LONDON, Jan. 31, 1.20 a.m.
A Paris communiqué states that it is confirmed that the enemy left a large number of dead on the battlefield at the Great Dune, north of Lambaertzde and also in front of the British lines near La Bassée.

There were fairly vigorous bombardments at Arras, Ecurie and Rodincourt.

In Arras there has been a slight retirement of our troops, which were organized on fresh lines 200 metres behind those previously occupied.

The ground was keenly contested.

The enemy's losses were greater than ours and serious.

The Paris evening communiqué contains no news of importance from the front.

THE FIGHTING IN THE EASTERN THEATRE.

MORE RUSSIAN VICTORIES.

LONDON, Jan. 30, 1.45 a.m.

A Petrograd communiqué announces that no important change has taken place in Eastern Prussia, nor on the front north of Pilsken and Gumbinnen.

Fighting continues in the forest region north of the Borjoff region, but were repulsed with heavy loss. By a counterattack we dislodged the enemy from his trenches with the bayonet, and captured several railtrucks. Our progress in Galicia, on the front formed by Dukla and the Vyschokoff passes, has been maintained, notwithstanding the desperate resistance of the Austrians, except in the region of the Beskid pass, where, in consequence of an offensive movement by superior enemy forces, our advance guards fell back on a previously prepared position.

We have captured on this front during the last three days 2,400 prisoners, three guns and ten mitrailleuses.

There is nothing important to report in Bukovina.

FIGHTING NEAR SUEZ.

A Brush With The Turks.

LONDON, Jan. 30, 5.25 a.m.

A message from Cairo states that the Turks occupy Kufa, which is twenty-five miles north-east of Kantara with outposts at Birelduorad, twelve miles nearer.

There is another Turkish post at Moryaharab, twenty-five miles east of the Bitter Lakes, and there is a third at Birmahelak, ten miles east of Suez.

The Turks also have a small post at Tor, in the Red Sea.

On Thursday morning, a Turkish reconnaissance came into contact with a British post east of Kantara, and were driven off, leaving four dead.

They carried off a wounded Indian officer, one Indian was killed, and five Gurkhas wounded.

The enemy attacked a post at Kubri, near Suez, but they were easily defeated.

A French pilot and a British observer, who had met with an accident to their hydroplane, were returning aloft when they were shot dead by patrols who mistook them for the enemy.

RENEWED RUSSIAN SUCCESSES.

Jan. 31, 1.20 p.m.

A Petrograd communiqué states:—The engagements between Dukla and the Vyschokoff passes are assuming the character of a general battle.

The Russians delivered a smashing defeat to the Austrians to the south-west of Dukla, carrying three lines of trenches at the bayonet point and capturing at least 2,800 prisoners, and 3 guns.

The Germans were repulsed with heavy losses at Borjoff.

A Russian torpedo destroyer raided Trebizond, and destroyed the barracks and stores. The troops fled.

TURKS HEAVILY DEFEATED IN PERSIA.

LONDON, Jan. 30, 11.30 a.m.

The Paris *Matin* says that the Turks suffered another crushing defeat in Persia, their right wing has been overthrown by the Russians, who are reported to have entered Tabriz. The Turks are fleeing.

THE TURKS ENTER TABRIZ.

LONDON, Feb. 1, 3.45 a.m.

Reuter's Petrograd correspondent states that after the battle of Solfin the Turks, who lost heavily, fled to Tabriz, which the Russians entered at noon on Saturday.

WAR NEWS.

The death sentence on Private Lonsdale, prisoner of war in Germany, who was accused of having struck a member of the Landsturm, has been commuted by a German Court of Appeal into twenty years imprisonment.

A dramatic incident preceded the internment of 40 Germans at Scarborough. When the bombardment of the town opened, one of the Germans shouted exultantly, "Now, you English dogs, we will let you have it." An English workman immediately "laid out" three of the Germans.

The military authorities have ordered all Germans and Austrians (including naturalized subjects and British born descendants, even those of the second generation) to leave Sunderland and the coast near the Tyne.

Reports received at Berne state that the health of the Emperor Francis Joseph, of Austria, was seriously affected by the Austro-Hungarian evacuation of Belgrade, and the Kaiser's letter, explaining that the evacuation was a strategic necessity, failed to remove the Emperor's depression. The doctors fear that his Majesty will suffer a physical breakdown.

The London correspondent of the *Pioneer* cables:—An Exchange correspondent at Copenhagen, dealing with German measures for meeting the cutting off of supplies, points out that the regulation of prices is powerless when an actual shortage of food exists, and anticipates that the Government will be obliged to put the nation on short allowances. Professor Richey considers that, if the blockade continues as at present, Germany will be faced with a famine in May.

The steamer *Thongwa* arrived at Rangoon on the 11th Jan., having on board 1,370 Turkish prisoners of war. Of these 74 are officers, 319 Arabs and 377 Turks. The prisoners were clothed in most instances in green khaki serge or in the heavy brown serge. They are men of small stature but solidly built, and very few of them are stragglers being men well over twenty years of age.

NEW FRENCH ARMY.

A Distinguished General.

The *Roy Bleu* states that, now that the security of Paris is assured, it is necessary that General Gallieni should shortly take command of a new army.

General Gallieni, who is undoubtedly one of France's greatest generals, is the man who conquered Metz, giving the island a very fine organization. When the Germans were marching towards Paris he repulsed General Michel, as Military Governor of the capital, and in a few days made Paris one of the strongest entrenched camps in the world.

At the time the dignity of Marshal of France was revived, General Gallieni's name was mentioned, and it is expected that he will be one of the first Generals to obtain the baton.

THE COAL CARGO CASE.

The case was resumed before Mr. Huxford at the Magistrate's this afternoon, in which two Chinese, of the Wan-chai district, were charged with receiving about 20 tons of coal stolen from the s.s. *Komatsuta Maru*, consigned to Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co.

Mr. Sheenton prosecuted on behalf of the consignees; Mr. Dixon defended the first defendant and Mr. Lewis represented the second.

Inspector Gordon said he found coal in three of the first defendant's godowns. Two contained sweepings and in the third he saw coal which included briquettes.

Mr. Huxford intimated that he would inspect the coal and that if he found a prima facie case he would commit defendants for trial.

Mr. Lewis: There won't be a prima facie case.

Answering Mr. Lewis, the Inspector said that the Chief Officer in his evidence in the other Court had stated that a number of briquettes had been thrown in among the dust coal when it was loaded in addition to the consigned 300 tons of briquettes.

In the third godown he found nine tons of coal. A quantity of coal taken from that godown was inferior to the coal seized on the junk. In explanation the officer said the top layer of coal in the junk was similar to the coal in the godown.

After removing the top layer he found a superior quality of coal underneath.

Mr. Lewis: And the reason that the best coal was naturally put in the junk first?

Inspector Gordon: My opinion is that the top layer was there to hide the better coal.

Then there is another explanation. The other coal was concealed?—Yes, by somebody.

Mr. Lewis: That's good enough for me. The hearing was again adjourned.

HONGKONG VOLUNTEER CORPS.

Corps Orders by Lieut.-Col. A. Chapman, V.D.

MUNICIPALITY (STANDARD TEST).

Municiety (Trained men only) will be carried out as follows:—Saturday, 6th inst. Section C, and Section D, 10 a.m. to 2.30 p.m. Members must attend punctually at the time stated above. Any man arriving late will not be allowed to fire.

NOTE.
Only members who have fired Part I can fire the Standard Test.

Officers on duty in the Butts—Lieut. G. Smith.

An Officer of each unit firing will attend to take charge, in turn, of the firing point and sufficient N.C.O.s of the units will attend to assist the instructor.

PARADES.
Lieut. J. J. Blake from H.K.V.R. to Engineer Coy. dated 30.1.15.

40TH PATHAN SPORTS.
Lieut. Col. J. B. Hill and the Officers 40th Pathans regret that, owing to unforeseen circumstances, the Regimental Sports which were to have been held on the 6th inst., must now be cancelled.

There will be no lecture to-morrow, 2nd Feb. It is notified for information that Officers and the ladies if their families are invited to attend a course of Historical Lectures by Commander Sumner, R.N., in the R. A. Theatre from 5.30 to 6.30 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, Feb. 8th, 9th, and 11th, on the Evolution of Germany.

PARADES.
Parades for Tuesday, 2nd instant, 5.15 p.m. Nos. 1 and 2 Sections Artillery and Left Section M. G. Co. 10 a.m. drill as before. Wednesday and Thursday, Feb. 8th, 9th, and 11th, on the Evolution of Germany.

ORDERLY OFFICER.
Orderly Officer to night Lieut. Rees. Orderly Sergeant, Hall. To furnish Guard to-morrow Civil Service Co.

OPPIUM COMPANY'S AFFAIRS.
Allegations Against Directors.
Objection Over-ruled.

The preliminary objection raised, by counsel for the petitioner in regard to the application for the winding up of the Yee Hing firm of opium dealers, which is before the Supreme Court, was decided this morning in favour of the petitioners.

The respondents, represented by Mr. Eldon Potter and Mr. C. G. Alabaster, contended that evidence directed to allegations of fraud made against directors of a company was no admissible in a winding up petition and that the Chief Justice could not investigate charges of this nature made against two directors of the respondent company by the applicants in their petition.

His Lordship intimated this morning, without calling upon the petitioners to reply, that he had arrived at the conclusion that the contention of petitioners that such evidence is admissible is correct. He therefore over-ruled Mr. Potter's objection.

The hearing of the petition will commence to-morrow.

Details have been submitted to the Thames Conservancy of a new bridge at Windsor, to replace the Albert Bridge. The plans now agreed to by the local authorities and Government Department provide for a new two-span bridge. An original design had to be revised because the Conservancy authorities objected that the scheme would obstruct the view through the archway from the Royal apartments of Windsor Castle.

According to a letter from Russia there is not only no vodka to be had, but no beer and no wine, even in the clubs. The nearest approach to a "drink" is kvass. This national beverage of Russia and Eastern Europe which is technically alcoholic but practically neutral. It contains only from 1 to 24 per cent of alcohol. Kvass is made by fermenting rye bread or malt made from wheat, rye, or barley in water, adding sugar and fruit, and fermenting the liquid.

THE LAISANG IN EAST AFRICA.

SHELLED BY THE GERMANS.

Saloon Wrecked by Shrapnel.

It falls to the lot of few officers of the British merchant marine even in war time to experience such thrilling times as those which the officers of the *Laisang*, now in port, recently passed through in German East Africa. The story of their participation in one of the minor phases of the great war against Germany "Kultur" has already been narrated in part, but a representative of the "Mail" who went out to this ship this morning was able to glean many interesting supplementary details, thanks to the courtesy of Captain Money, the Chief Officer and Chief Engineer.

The *Laisang*, which is well known in Hongkong as being one of the Indo China Steam Navigation Company's fleet, was on her way to India when war broke out, and was chartered by the Government to convey troops to German East Africa.

With a fleet of other vessels, conveyed by warships, on November 2 she reached Tanga, an important German railway terminus on the left bank of the river of the same name. Troops were landed at the mouth of the river, and after a very arduous fight gained a footing in the town.

The work of disembarkation was rendered more difficult by the fact that the banks of the river are about fifty feet high, and once on shore the troops had to work their way through dense tropical bush. But by November 2 the Union Jack was flying from the top of a tower on the outskirts, which was afterwards used as an observation post. There still remained much to be done, as the enemy held very strong positions in the centre and at the back of the town, from which the fire of the British warships had not then dislodged them.

Two or three men who ventured from another transport met a warm reception from a part of the river front in the enemy's hands and had to beat a hasty retreat to the *Laisang*, which they managed to reach by swimming and towing their small craft from the lee side, but two of the men were wounded on the journey.

The medical men on board soon had other cases to attend to, as another boat brought a Major and four men of an English regiment, who afterwards had a most remarkable escape. Bullets from maxims on shore continually whistled over the *Laisang* on the 4th, but nothing else occurred, and when night came all was peaceful and quiet in the vicinity of the ship's berth. Early in the morning of the 5th, however, all on board were rudely awakened, and the exciting incidents which followed that morning will never be forgotten by them.

At 5.50 a heavy rain storm broke, and with it came a terrific fire from concealed field batteries and maxims on shore. The ship was lying starboard side to the bank of the river, and it took very little time for everybody to turn out and make for the lee side of the boat. The wounded were the first care and they were placed in a position where projectiles would have to pass through four steel hulls before reaching them.

Capt. Money realised that the only hope of saving the ship was to get her out of the range of the German guns, which had apparently been laid in the day and time and were being fired point blank in accordance with these observations, but there were many difficulties in the way of this.

The anchor was down and every strain of the cables was put on to raise it; the bridge was unworkable for the same reason. But British steamship rose superior to obstacles like these, and Captain Money and his officers were able by their courage and ingenuity to save the ship for her owners, and the valuable Government stores which she was carrying.

DETAILS.
Orderly Officer to night Lieut. Rees. Orderly Sergeant, Hall. To furnish Guard to-morrow Civil Service Co.

OPPIUM COMPANY'S AFFAIRS.
Allegations Against Directors.
Objection Over-ruled.

The preliminary objection raised, by counsel for the petitioner in regard to the application for the winding up of the Yee Hing firm of opium dealers, which is before the Supreme Court, was decided this morning in favour of the petitioners.

The respondents, represented by Mr. Eldon Potter and Mr. C. G. Alabaster, contended that evidence directed to allegations of fraud made against directors of a company was no admissible in a winding up petition and that the Chief Justice could not investigate charges of this nature made against two directors of the respondent company by the applicants in their petition.

His Lordship intimated this morning, without calling upon the petitioners to reply, that he had arrived at the conclusion that the contention of petitioners that such evidence is admissible is correct. He therefore over-ruled Mr. Potter's objection.

The hearing of the petition will commence to-morrow.

Details have been submitted to the Thames Conservancy of a new bridge at Windsor, to replace the Albert Bridge. The plans now agreed to by the local authorities and Government Department provide for a new two-span bridge. An original design had to be revised because the Conservancy authorities objected that the scheme would obstruct the view through the archway from the Royal apartments of Windsor Castle.

According to a letter from Russia there is not only no vodka to be had, but no beer and no wine, even in the clubs. The nearest approach to a "drink" is kvass. This national beverage of Russia and Eastern Europe which is technically alcoholic but practically neutral. It contains only from 1 to 24 per cent of alcohol. Kvass is made by fermenting rye bread or malt made from wheat, rye, or barley in water, adding sugar and fruit, and fermenting the liquid.

SUMMARY COURT.

In the Summary Court this morning before Mr. Justice Compton, Chan Kwee Sang, merchant, of 8, Grissac Street, and Lawren and Company, and Ip Nam-sing, Chan Tse-chung, Wong Cheng at Tam Wah cho and Tam Kwok-chay alias Tam Yek Nam partners in the company, for the sum of \$1,000, being the balance of rent due under an agreement for premises in Grissac Street.

Mr. E. J. Grist, of Messrs. Wilkinson & Grist, appeared for plaintiff; and Mr. Deunay, of Messrs. Deunay & Bowley, appeared for Tam Yek Nam. It was explained that judgment by consent had already been entered against all the other defendants, except Chan Tse-chung.

Mr. Grist said the rent of the premises was \$1,100 a month, and the lease commenced on June 1. The rent was paid in cash or promissory notes till the end of November. The December rent became due on the first of that month, but only \$100 was paid on account.

Mr. Deunay, in answer to his Lordship, said the defence was that his client was not a partner of the firm.

The Captain shouted his orders to the engineers from the engine room door, and with the aid of the Chief Officer assisted in steering the ship, stern first, with her anchor dragging, past a dangerous reef out of the mouth of the river and the range of the German guns. While the ship was leaving her berth a shrapnel shell went through her side six feet above the water line, and exploded harmlessly in the coal bunkers, while two others wrecked the saloon and the beds in which the wounded were lying. While the ship was leaving her berth a shrapnel shell went through her side six feet above the water line, and exploded harmlessly in the coal bunkers, while two others wrecked the saloon and the beds in which the wounded were lying. While the ship was leaving her berth a shrapnel shell went through her side six feet above the water line, and exploded harmlessly in the coal bunkers, while two others wrecked the saloon and the beds in which the wounded were lying.

Had the manoeuvre not been carried out so promptly the first projectile would probably have found its mark in the engine-room, and then there might have been a different tale to tell. By the time the river mouth was reached the rain stopped, and with it the fire of the German guns. The gunners were too artful to reset their positions to the British warships. It must have been gallant to their observers to see the *Laisang* safely riding to anchor out of their reach. The only casualty suffered aboard was one man slightly wounded in the shoulder, but every one of the men on deck was injured.

Capt. Money as well as some other officers had a very narrow escape. He was sitting at the desk in his cabin when the Germans opened fire, and a rifle bullet flattened itself upon a ship's instrument just in front of him.

The bridge presented a very battered appearance after the bombardment, every piece of glass in the windows being smashed. No fewer than thirty holes were made in the funnel, a couple of steam pipes were hit, a shaft went under the chief engineer's ship deck, and the captain's cabin and effects suffered badly. Looking at the havoc caused, after the bombardment the officers could not help feeling that they must bear charmed lives.

The fate of Tanga and other places in the German colony at the hands of the Navy is already known. The *Laisang* saw most of the fighting here, and the officers were able to recall many interesting details. German methods in Tanga apparently were not any more "Kultur" than on the Continent, for knowing that the British respect for churches the Germans withheld a prominent and shelter a battery. Their veterans soldiers were a law lot, and in order to save ammunition these rifles had been sighted to them by means of marks made on the trees, and white flags. The women folk assisted their husbands, and some Amazons even worked maxims from the houses. In the Government buildings the enemy held very strong positions, and shrewdly made the mark of the naval guns, the residential quarters being spared as much as possible and every facility being afforded for the women and children to get away.

The *Laisang's* officers carried away many interesting souvenirs of their exciting experience, among them being numerous pieces of shell, and shrapnel fuses.

J. & F. MARTELL'S BRANDY

The Most Renowned and Reliable

COGNAC BRANDY

IN THE WORLD.

Used by Connoisseurs, the Medical Profession and Hospitals in Preference to other Brandy

It cannot be equalled.



SOLE AGENTS

Gande, Price & Co., Ltd

TYPHOON SIGNALS

**STORM-WARNINGS ISSUE
FROM THE HONGKONG
OBSERVATORY.**

The following Typhoon signals were hoisted on the Masthead on Signal Hill, Kowloon, the Harbour Office, the Kowloon Godowns, H. M. S. Tamara, Green Island, Standard Oil Premises, L. A. N. K. and E. O. Company, and the

A CONE indicates a Typo

points upward to the North of the Colony.

A CONE point upwards and DRUM below indicates a Typhoon to the North-East of the Colony.

A DRUM [redacted] indicates a Typhoon to the East of the Colony.


A CONE
point down-
wards and
DRUM below

A CONE
point down-
wards



indicates a Typhoon
to the South of the
Colony.

A CONE
point down-
wards and
BALL below



indicates a Typhoon
to the South-West of
the Colony.

A BALL. Indicates a Typhoon to the West of:

Colony.

A CONE
point upwards
and BALL

indicates a Typhoon
to the North-West of
the Colony.

below

Red Signals indicate that the centre
allied to be more than 300 miles away

Black Signals indicate that the centre
believed to be less than 300 miles away

The above signals will, as heretofore, be
hoisted only when typhoons exist in such
positions or are moving in such direction

that information regarding them is considered to be of importance to the Colonies to shipping leaving the harbour.

URGENT SIGNALS.

In addition to the above, when it is expected that the wind may increase to full typhoon force at any moment, the

Following Urgent Signals will be made :
 The Water Police Station, and repeated
 at the Harbour Office :—
THREE EXPLOSIVE BOMBS AT INTERVALS

OF TEN SECONDS.

A Black Cross will be hoisted at the same time, superior to the other shapes.

NIGHT SIGNALS.

The following Night Signals will be hoisted from the Flagstaff on the roof of the Water Police Station at Kowloon, the Harbour Office Flagstaff, and H.M.

L. Three Lights Vertical. Green, Green, Green, indicates that a typhoon is believed to be situated more than 300 miles from

II. Three Lights Vertical, Green, Red, Green, indicates that a typhoon is believed to be situated less than 300 miles from the Colony.

III. Three Lights Vertical, Red, Green, Red, indicates that the wind may be expected to increase to full typhoon force.

No. III Signal will be accompanied the Explosive Bombs, as above, in the event of the information conveyed by the

The Night Signals will be substituted for the Day Signals at sunset, and will, when necessary, be altered during the night.

SUPPLEMENTARY WARNINGS.

For the benefit of Native Craft
passing Ocean Vessels, a Cons will

exhibited at each of the following stations during the time that any of the above Signals are hoisted in the Harbour.

Cap Rock,	Aberdeen,
Westerly	San El Wier

Stanley, Sai Kung,
Cape Collinson, Sha Tau Kok

Tai Po.

This will indicate that there is a deep

tion somewhere in the China Sea,
that a Storm Warning is hoisted in
Harbour.

Further details can always be give

Ocean Vessels on demand by signal, &
the lighthouse.

11-10-68

1

